

Dr. Tony Evans

Celebrating 50 Years of Pastoral Ministry

DR. TONY EVANS is one of the country's most respected leaders in evangelical circles. As a pastor, teacher, author and speaker, he serves the body of Christ through his unique ability to communicate complex theological truths through simple, yet profound, illustrations. While addressing the practical issues of today, Dr. Evans is known as a relevant expositor. New and veteran pastors alike regard him as a pastor of pastors and a father in the faith.



TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1949 - Anthony Tyrone "Tony" Evans born.

1972 – Evans earns a BA and is chosen “Student of the Year,” Carver College, Atlanta, GA.

1973 – Tony Evans’ public broadcasting career begins. A local radio show producer from Houston (KHCB) contacted Dallas Theological Seminary, where Tony was a junior in the Th.M. program, asking for great preaching content to put on his program for free. One of Tony’s professors recommended him. Recorded in a tiny studio on the seminary campus, Tony spent the next few years faithfully preaching into a microphone for a crowd unseen in Houston.

1976 – Achieved Master’s degree in Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary. Receives “Outstanding Achievement Award” from DTS.

1976 – Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, founded with ten members meeting in the Evans home. By 2019, Oak Cliff will have over 9,500 members.

1981 – The Urban Alternative formed as requests for Dr. Evans’ sermons came in so frequently from his Houston and Dallas radio broadcasts that Mrs. Lois Evans, Tony’s wife and co-founder of the ministry, began fulfilling orders. Mrs. Evans used her business skills to organize, develop and expand the outreach and growth of the ministry. Now, in 2019, The Urban Alternative is heard on more than 1,400 radio outlets across 130 countries, reaching millions each week.

1982 - Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). The first African American to graduate with a doctoral degree from DTS. Dissertation titled “A Biblical critique of selected issues in Black Theology.” Also served as an associate professor in DTS Pastoral Ministries Department in the areas of evangelism, homiletics and Black church studies.

1986 - In 1986, Tony was invited to preach at the National Religious Broadcasters annual conference. This drew enormous attention and was instrumental in the expansion of his ministry.

Late 1980’s – Begins a three-decade long (and counting!) tenure as Chaplain of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks, the longest standing NBA chaplaincy on record. He is also the former chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys, a position currently held by his son, Jonathan.

2006 - Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship listed in top 50 of America’s Most Influential Churches.

2017 – Launch of the Tony Evans Training Center, an online learning platform for in-depth biblical study and leadership.

2018 - Recognized as one of the 12 most 'effective' preachers in the English language by Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

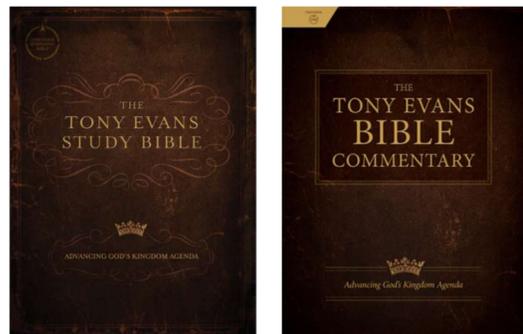
2019 – Celebrates 50 years of ministry. Achieves the distinguished honor of being the first African American to author a Study Bible and a one-volume Bible Commentary in the history of our nation.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ✦ **Publishing:** Dr. Evans is a prolific author of more than 100 different books, Bible studies and devotionals, including his legacy work, *Oneness Embraced*, and his vision work, *The Kingdom Agenda*. Some of his most popular books include *Kingdom Man*, *Kingdom Woman*, *Prayers for Victory in Spiritual Warfare* and *The Power of God's Names*.
- ✦ **Online:** Dr. Evans' YouTube channel has reached 20 million views, averaging 1 million views monthly. His Facebook account (@DrTonyEvans) reaches more than 1.4 million followers daily.
- ✦ **Honors:** Dr. Evans received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Eastern College (St. Davids, PA) as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, TX).
- ✦ **Family:** Dr. Evans is married to Lois, his wife and ministry partner of more than 50 years. They are the proud parents of four, grandparents of thirteen and great-grandparents of two.

KEY DATES FOR FALL 2019

- **October 1** – Release of *The Tony Evans Bible Commentary* (B&H Publishing)
- **November 1** – Release of *The Tony Evans CSB Study Bible* (B&H Publishing)
- **November 8** – The Urban Alternative hosts launch event for *The Tony Evans CSB Study Bible* and *The Tony Evans Bible Commentary* (Dallas, TX).



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